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Applicant: Avoyan et al.

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DETECTION USING A V-I PROBE DIAGNOSTICS

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

Prior to examining the above-reference case, please enter the following  
preliminary amendment:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.